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Waste Paper Markets

Waste paper prices have slipped a bit due to the lack of export activity, primarily to China. According to The Official Board Markets, Chinese mills are facing high OCC inventories, and sluggish sales of finished roll stock. Also, export brokers have been shipping without orders causing "dumping" on the spot markets in China and other foreign markets. At the same time U.S. mills have not been hit too hard and are still accepting shipments. Things are expected to pick up again in July or so, as the U.S. economy is seen as slowly but clearly improving.

PET (Soda Bottles) Markets

According to Ken Prevette, with Clear Stream Recycling, the drop of pricing PET because:

- The price of oil is dropping which makes virgin resin more attractive than recycled material.
- The European economic conditions make markets for finished goods containing recycled plastics weak.
- Foreign manufacturers using recycled resin content have fewer orders as a result.

Aluminum Can Markets

The price of used beverage cans (UBCs) has declined somewhat since we are now in the "summer collection season" which historically generates higher volumes for the market. Sales of soft drinks and beer in cans are up in hotter weather and collections, either by consumers or road side scavengers, are also up. Less eating out and more eating/partying at home by consumers, due to the slow economic recovery, may keep the price from falling off too much.

Co-Mingled Plastics Markets

Over the last few months we have noticed that the prices for baled blow molded plastic containers #1 through #7 have been picking up from previously 3 - 4 cents to around 8 - 9 cents per pound in trailer load lots of 35,000 pounds or so. If there is enough interest in this grade, Recycling Assistance Section staff will research the details and buyers of this material to include it in the monthly pricing with the other plastic pricing. If you think this would be worthwhile, contact us by phone at 502-564-6716 or e-mail one of the following: Tom Heil at Thomas.Heil@ky.gov, Cathy Guess at Catherine.Guess@ky.gov, Ricky Solomon at Ricky.Solomon@ky.gov or Shannon Powers at ShannonL.Powers@ky.gov) We will let you know if enough folks want this pricing and specifications by the next issue.

UPDATE ON ALL AGENCY e-SCRAP CONTRACT WITH CREATIVE RECYCLING SYSTEMS

The e-Scrap contract period for January 2009 through May 2010 brought the total pounds collected to 4,237,788 lbs. or 2,119 net tons. Reimbursements climbed to \$118,101.44, with charges for TVs of \$34,554.06. The net revenue to generators for the period was \$83,546.48. Access our Web site at <http://www.waste.ky.gov/branches/rla/recycling/> and contact Tom Heil at 502-564-6716, ext. 4640 or at Thomas.Heil@ky.gov if you have questions about electronic recycling.

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Prices are based on trailer load lots paid by end-users. This guide is for reference only and does not represent an obligation by any buyer to pay these amounts. Prices vary according to location, condition of product and other factors. Prices for handlers and processors will be different from these prices which are quoted for manufacturers. Prices fluctuate daily or weekly, and are based on the second week of the month, unless otherwise noted, and may change.

Paper	\$ per ton	<i>Board and Mill purchase prices, baled, FOB seller's dock. From Apr. 15, May 1, & June 5, 2010 Official Board Markets Yellow Sheet, Chicago market.</i>				
	May 2010 prices	Previous Month April 2010	Previous Year May 09		June 2010 prices	Previous Year June 2009
Mixed Paper	70-75	80-85	15-20		65-70	25-30
Sorted Office	195-205	195-205	85-90		190-210	90-95
Newsprint #6	35-40	35-40	5-10		35-40	5-10
Newsprint #8	80-85	70-75	35-40		75-80	35-40
Sorted White Ledger	275-285	275-285	150-160		275-285	160-170
Corrugated Containers	115-125	125-135	30-35		105-115	40-45

Plastics	Cents/lb.	<i>From market sources serving Kentucky, contacted April 15, May 1 & June 9, 2010. Baled, FOB seller's dock. Priced as loads available.</i>				
Polyethylene Terephthalate clear & green mixed (PET-soda bottles)	20	22	9		18	11
HDPE- natural -milk jugs-#2	33	31	21		33	22
HDPE-colored-detergent-#2	29	27	13		29	14

Glass	\$ per ton	<i>From Apr. 15, May 1 & June 9, 2010, Waste & Recycling News, average for truckload quantities, delivered to end-user, Chicago market.</i>				
Clear	15	15	15		15	16
Amber	8	8	7		8	8
Green	4	4	4		4	4

Metals	Cents per lb.	<i>Aluminum from market sources serving Ky., Apr. 15, May 1, & June 9, 2010. contacted</i>				
Aluminum Cans - densified, baled truckload, picked up	71	75	48		65	53
	\$ per gross ton	<i>Steel cans from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Apr. 15, May 1, and June 9, 2010. Baled, FOB seller's dock.</i>				
Steel Cans - clean, used densified cans	100-110	115	60		110-115	60



